

## 20th Armistice Day Finds Great Changes; General Holiday Here

Twenty years after... 20 years of peace shattered by war in Ethiopia, in Spain, in China and a half-dozen other countries... 20 years after that momentous Nov. 11, 1918, when, amid the desolate battlefields of northern France, the order "Cease Firing" was sounded.

Here in Torrance 20 years has brought tremendous changes. The two decades have seen this community grow from a village of 700 to a city of 10,500—a population gain which also resulted in the physical growth of the community from 3.82 square miles to 18.88 square miles.

There will be no formal observance of the 20th anniversary of Armistice Day here tomorrow but the national holiday will be marked by the closing of all stores except drug stores, professional offices, city offices, postoffice and utility headquarters. Postmaster Earl Conner announces there will be no mail delivery of any kind Friday. The Herald staff will also observe the holiday.

From Paris came the following United Press reports to The Herald today concerning the Armistice celebration and the appearance of the one-time "No Man's Land."

**Three-Day Celebration**  
With torchlight parades at dusk tonight in Paris and all towns and villages throughout the country, France began a program of elaborate ceremonies consecrating the 20th anniversary of the armistice.

Europe's narrow escape from war a month ago over the Sudean area, gave added importance to the popular celebration of peace which will be climaxed in Paris tomorrow night by the lighting of a symbolic flame at the tomb of the French Unknown Soldier under the Arc de Triomphe.

Tomorrow there will be the traditional annual ceremonies at Reims, the cleared space in the forest of Compiègne where the armistice was signed. The national celebration will be climaxed by a review of French troops.

To celebrate that peace and victory, the government has decreed that three days shall be devoted to ceremonies commemorating the most historic day of the century.

**No Battle Scars**  
Amid the desolate battlefields of northern France, a new land has risen in 20 years. The war left deep craters as barren and cold as possibly those on the moon. For miles there was not a village, not a tree nor a blade of grass, not even a weed.

Today the pilgrim going thru that country, 20 years after, finds a peaceful countryside, fields and forests and small but busy villages. Crops have risen where once there was nothing but shell holes. Pine woods have sprung up in places where nobody thought anything would ever grow again.

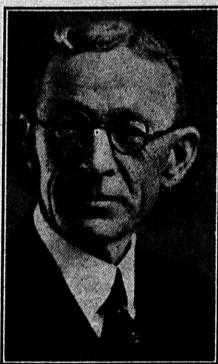
But there are reminders of the war. In every little village there is a monument bearing the names of its war dead, and around everyone of those today there was a ceremony of remembrance. Here and there are war cemeteries, some of them small and marked by graying wooden crosses, others landscaped and more impressive, like the resting places of the Americans at Belleau Wood and Romagne. At all of them thousands flocked to leave flowers today.

## RED CROSS OPENS ROLL CALL FRIDAY

One hundred and twenty-four Red Cross chapters in California are urged by A. L. Schaffer, Red Cross manager in the Pacific area, to enroll a minimum of 421,925 members in the annual Roll Call, Armistice Day thru Thanksgiving day. The national objective set by Chairman Norman H. Davis, Washington, D. C., is six million adult members. Mrs. Flora McDonald, local Red Cross chairman, is in charge of the Torrance drive and memberships will be accepted at both local banks. A compilation of Red Cross activities in California shows that floods which swept Northern, Central and Southern California counties during the year, constituted three disaster relief projects in which 5,910 families were given assistance. Contributions within the state to the Red Cross relief funds totaled \$455,963.

During the year 43,289 service or ex-service men, and their families, within this state received attention from Red Cross chapters. Of field directors of the National Red Cross at Government stations and hospitals. In addition to the disaster relief and social service work for veterans and kindred groups, Red Cross acted upon 11,676 cases of civilian relief.

## O. W. Stone Succumbs



OSCAR W. STONE  
... follows younger partner

This city's first mortician who had served that profession for 45 years, Oscar W. Stone, passed away Wednesday afternoon at the age of nearly 81 years in his daughter's apartment at 1230 Cravens avenue. He had been failing in health since last June. Mr. Stone's death followed that of his partner and son-in-law, Charles F. Myers, who succumbed Sept. 30. They founded the Stone and Myers Mortuary here in 1923.

The funeral service will be held at the firm's chapel Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. John E. Orr of the Lomita Community Presbyterian church officiating. Mr. Stone was a member of that church. The interment at Inglewood cemetery will be private.

**Served Legislature**  
Mr. Stone was born Feb. 7, 1858 near Ypsilanti, Michigan. He began his profession in Scottville, Michigan, and moved to Davenport, Wash., in 1900. Shortly after settling in the northwest, Mr. Stone started another mortuary in Rathburn, Idaho, whose present owner still advertises he is the "successor to O. W. Stone." He was elected to the Washington state legislature.

In 1921 he moved to Lomita and opened a mortuary there. Two years later with his son-in-law, he opened the Stone and Myers mortuary in this city. He was a kindly, courteous man whose ministrations greatly relieved the distress of families faced with funeral sorrow. Mr. Myers is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Bessie Myers of this city, two nephews, Gordon Stone of Bellflower and Oscar A. Stone of Delano, and a niece, Mrs. Blanche Hogg of Detroit.

## Four Held for Gambling Here

The sudden appearance of Detective John Stroth and Motor Officer Percy Bennett at 233rd and Eshelman late Tuesday morning abruptly halted an alleged three-card monte game and dice rolling in a crowd of about 20 men and four of the asserted players were promptly transported to the city jail.

One of the men apprehended, James Varley, 26-year-old Compton resident who claimed he was an oil worker, attempted to escape from Stroth but a shot in the air from the officer's gun caused him to "hit the dirt." Although he claimed he was not gambling and exhibited only a few dollar bills as his sole finances, Stroth unearthed more than \$40 in bills which Varley had attempted to hide when he took his nose dive.

The others arrested on charges of gambling were C. Townsend, 38, of 2232 230th, who had been fined for the same offense several weeks ago; Ernest T. Roberts, Los Angeles printer, and Charles Headley, 33, unemployed, who lives at 233rd and Eshelman, near the oil well where the alleged gambling was going on last doors.

Four of the raid victims were fined \$10 after they pleaded guilty before City Judge Robert Lessing yesterday morning. They paid and were released. Varley, who also pleaded guilty, was fined \$25—the higher penalty being assessed because he resisted arrest and attempted to escape from Stroth. He also paid the fine.

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## VOTE HERE FOLLOWS STATE TREND

## Dr. Lancaster Given Final Tribute

### Funeral is Attended by Hundreds

Flags on public buildings hung at half-staff and business houses and professional offices throughout the city closed their doors Monday afternoon in fitting tribute to the passing of Dr. J. S. Lancaster, pioneer Torrance resident, civic leader and prominent physician and surgeon, whose sudden death Saturday morning shocked the entire community.

But no outward manifestations of mourning could adequately express the deep and widespread sorrow that was in the hearts of the hosts of friends of the beloved doctor. His work had carried him into homes far beyond the boundaries of Torrance and his benefices knew no bounds. All who knew Dr. Lancaster revered him, and his unexpected death was felt as a personal loss by all who had been privileged to claim his acquaintance.

Ever since he suffered an attack of pneumonia early this Spring, Dr. Lancaster had not been in his usual good health. To improve his condition, a gall bladder operation was performed on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at Santa Fe Hospital in Los Angeles. He appeared to rally satisfactorily from the surgery until bronchopneumonia developed on Thursday. The lung infection spread rapidly despite the efforts of skilled physicians. Late Friday Dr. Lancaster sank into a coma from which he never recovered. He died at 5:30 a. m. Saturday morning, Nov. 5, at the age of 55.

**A Rugged Patriot**  
Dr. Lancaster was called by the Great Physician just a little over a year after his long friend and 13-year associate, Dr. George P. Shidler, passed away, Sept. 11, 1937.

The life of Dr. Lancaster was typical of his ideal of Americanism. He believed with Abraham Lincoln that no matter how humble a person was born, America offered the opportunity to rise to the pinnacle of success through ability, honesty and hard work.

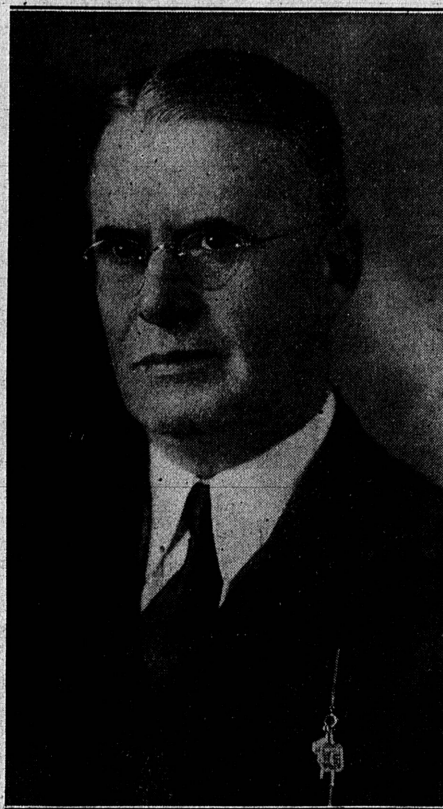
Born of modest but highly respected parents Oct. 10, 1883, in Adams county, Illinois, Jesse Samuel Lancaster spent most of his early life in Nebraska. Although funds for a college education were not available to him, young Lancaster resolved to take up the study of medicine. Accompanied to hard work as a lad, he secured a position in a downtown Chicago drug store and entered Northwestern University. After long hours at the drug store, he would go to his room to study late into the night. In 1911 he received his M. D. degree and began his internship at the famous Cook County Hospital in Chicago, after which he began the practice of medicine in Nebraska.

**Loved His Home**  
The following year, 1912, a childhood romance culminated in the marriage of the young physician to Mildred Post, daughter of Judge and Mrs. George W. Post, then of York, Nebraska, and later of Torrance. Always a devoted husband and loving father, Dr. Lancaster's greatest happiness was found in his cherished home life.

Alert to the opportunities then offered in the West, Dr. and Mrs. Lancaster came to California in 1915 and settled in Torrance, where they made their home for the past 23 years.

True to his ideals of good citizenship, Dr. Lancaster always took an active part in civic affairs. Much of the development and cultural advancement which Torrance has enjoyed from its early history as a community to the present is due to the leadership and unselfish civic service so freely given by the late physician.

**Encouraged Hospital**  
When the city incorporated, Dr. Lancaster became its first public health officer on June 14, 1921. He resigned Sept. 4, 1923, in order to better care for his growing private practice. However, he did not relax his civic duties and in 1924 he was elected president of the Torrance (Continued on Page 8-A)



THE LATE DR. JESSE SAMUEL LANCASTER  
... his leadership contributed to city development

## Honored His Forefathers

### A Tribute to Dr. Lancaster by GROVER C. WHYTE

In these days of Fascism, Nazism and milder departures from a true Democratic form of government, the life of Dr. J. S. Lancaster stands as a bulwark of strength in defense of the system of independent self government founded by our early American forefathers.

Dr. Lancaster's favorite reading was the biographies of those rugged individuals who molded the history of the United States and who won fame for themselves by ability, hard work, honesty, vision and devotion to American ideals. His success won by the rigid application of these sterling characteristics should be an inspiration to the youth of today. He met every obligation, both financial and moral, promptly and without equivocation.

But while the late physician and civic leader adhered tenaciously to his principles of integrity and impartiality as applied to himself, he was most gracious in overlooking the faults and frailties of others. His big heart went out to suffering humanity and he gave unstintingly of his talents and finances to aid a worthy cause or assist an individual in distress. Whenever help was needed, the beneficent doctor was the first to offer aid.

It was the writer's privilege to count Dr. Lancaster among his closest friends and while we know he disliked recognition of his many kind deeds, we hope he will forgive us for mentioning this. During the dark days of the depression when few in Torrance had funds to defray the cost of illness, Dr. Lancaster made hundreds of calls on patients for which he did not even enter a charge, knowing they could not afford to pay. In many instances, he donated the medicine so sorely needed. But to him, this great service to suffering humanity was given as a matter of course, and it was by a chance incident that we learned of his daily benevolences.

We will miss you much, Doctor, but the work you did and the life you lived will remain to comfort and inspire us always.

## Engineers Tour Steel Plant

One hundred twenty members and guests of the Los Angeles City and County Engineers' association enjoyed dinner (in two groups) at the Columbia Steel restaurant and then toured the plant with special guide-escorts last Friday night. The association usually has an attendance of about 50 at its regular meetings but the opportunity of inspecting the Columbia Steel plant brought out the record crowd.

## Call Meet to Plan 1939 Factory Frolic

The success of the first Factory Frolic of two weeks ago has prompted President John E. Miller of the Torrance Coordinating Council, sponsor of the community event, to call a meeting for Dec. 7 to determine policies and procedure for the second annual Frolic in 1939. He has asked all organizations in the city to send representatives to this session, which will be held in the city court-room.

## Week's Building Permits Total \$92,500 Here

With the issuance this week of building permits to the General Petroleum corporation for a \$47,700 project for the erection of a large combined office-laboratory and cleaning and storage buildings and to the Safeway Stores, Inc., for a new super-market at El Prado and Sartori, costing \$15,000, the total amount of new construction here this year soared to \$2,064,703. This is an all-time record for Torrance building.

Last year at this date (Nov. 10) the construction total amounted to \$1,040,382. So far this month, new building has amounted to \$92,500, according to records at the city engineers' office.

General Petroleum construction and improvement projects at the refinery here have totaled \$1,793,425 this year or more than half of the entire building permit total for the city to date. The largest improvement includes: Construction of an office-laboratory, L-shaped building, costing \$43,985; and a frame storage cleaning and storage building, 75 by 17 feet in size, for \$8,715. The office-laboratory structure will be 112 feet long by 37 feet wide with a 37-foot wing extension on one end. It will include a number of technical departments, reception room, change room and offices.

**Start Market Monday**  
Other General Petroleum projects launched and completed here this year were: a \$1,732,000 expansion program for new tanks and equipment, started Jan. 10; \$4,125 for more new tanks, on Aug. 23; \$5,900 for buildings and tanks, on Sept. 2; (Continued on Page 6-A)

## Atty.-Gen. Raps Cities Profiting from Gambling

Law enforcement officials in every city in the county except Torrance were expected to be given explicit instructions from their respective city councils this week regarding what is and what is not gambling, according to the latest interpretation from State Attorney General U. S. Webb.

Although considerable "pressure" was put on the Torrance city council during the past several months by individuals and groups seeking to obtain permits for "legalized" card games here, the local officials declined to adopt any ordinance which would have permitted the entry of the games.

All requests were refused with the result that, while the city may have lost considerable revenue, it is not confronted with any controversy such as Webb's ruling produced in other county cities this week.

**Gardena Mentioned**  
Six cities were specifically mentioned by Webb at a three-hour conference late last week at the State building, when he literally "put on the carpet" the responsible law enforcing officers.

"I regret that certain city officials are willing to operate their municipal governments with revenues partly obtained from games operating in violation of the law," Webb said. "In Santa Monica there are six large parlors operating, from which the city received \$3,750 annually in revenue."

"There is no doubt in the world but these games are operating in vicious violation of the law, yet these operators are permitted to rob the public under the protection of city licenses." The five other cities named were Long Beach, where Webb said the city received about \$35,000 annually in revenues, Redondo Beach, Gardena, with a large card room that has been operating on a main boulevard for several months, El Monte and Hawthorne.

A recall movement now is under way in El Monte, aimed at the city's woman mayor who is blamed by proponents of the recall for permitting the card games.

## FORD'S PLACE ON CO. BOARD SOUGHT BY THREE IN DIST.

Post-election developments continued to be spot news in the nation's press today as the final returns were being received from Tuesday's general balloting. In California the leads of the Democratic slate headed by Culbert Olson for Governor, Sheridan Downey for U. S. Senator and Ellis

Patterson for lieutenant-governor continued to pile up over their Republican opponents.

Announcement of a successor to Leland M. Ford as supervisor from the Fourth district was expected later this week from Governor Merriam who yesterday named Thomas M. Storke, Santa Barbara publisher and life-long Democrat, to succeed Senator William G. McAdoo for the remainder of the latter's unexpired term. McAdoo, who was defeated in the August primary by Downey, resigned yesterday to become board chairman of the newly-organized American President shipping lines.

Supervisor Ford was elected to Congress from the 16th district at Tuesday's election and will be one of the Los Angeles county's eight representatives in Washington when the new Congress convenes Jan. 3, 1939. It was reported that his successor on the county board would be A. E. "Chick" Henning of San Pedro, former Los Angeles harbor district councilman who is now state superintendent of parks, Hal Moore, Ford's field secretary, or Mayor Darby of Inglewood. Ford has given his resignation to Gov. Merriam.

**Democrats Supported**  
Local and Lomita election returns, as reported in detail in the adjoining column, reflected the state-wide trend to an unusual degree. Torrance and Lomita majorities swung to the Olson-Patterson-Downey column as well as increasing the pluralities of Warren for Attorney General, Jordan for return as Secretary of State, another term for Harry Riley as State Controller and Wm. G. Bonelli on the Board of Equalization.

Lee Geyer, Gardena school teacher, received substantial support in this area for Congress over Republican Clifton Hix. Judge Kenny was endorsed handsomely for state senator, Fred Reay was given a big lead over Charles Smith, Lomita Republican, for another state assembly term. Charles Husband, candidate for county assessor, carried both Torrance and Lomita over John R. Quinn, incumbent.

Voters here and in Lomita helped defeat Prop. 1, the anti-picketing proposal; Prop. 2, the dog pound measure, Prop. 4, to create a new Highway Commission and joined the state in once more crushing the Single Tax as contained in Prop. 20.

**National Highlights**  
The \$30-a-week pension plan was roundly endorsed in Torrance and Lomita but this measure, No. 25, the ballot was being steadily defeated throughout the state. Nationally, the highlights of the election were: Republicans gained at least 78 seats in the House, giving them 166 as compared with 88 in the last Congress. Republicans gained at least eight Senate seats and elected 17 governors, a net gain of 11.

Against the G.O.P. triumphs there were these Democratic offsets: A victory in New York where Gov. Lehman was given a fourth term over young Thomas E. Dewey, Republican "white hope" for 1940; the sweep in California and replacing a Republican governor in North Dakota with one of their own party. They also placed a Democrat in the governor's chair in Maryland, previously occupied by a Republican.

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FIRST HALF	
TORRANCE	0
High School	0
SAN PEDRO	0
High School	0

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